

REMARKS

Claims 14-19, 21, 23-29, 33 and 34 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 14, 15, 18 and 19 are allowed.

Claims 16, 17, and 24-29 are withdrawn as non-elected.

Claims 21, 23, 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yahav et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,057,909 A).

The Examiner continues to maintain the rejections based on Yahav. The Examiner considers the word “sequentially” to be “later in time.” Even if the leading and trailing edges of the trapezoid shown in Fig. 6A of Yahav are considered to be linearly varying illumination lights, there is a distinct time gap between the two. On the other hand, as shown in Fig. 7(a)-(b) of the present Specification, in the present invention, the second light follows immediately after the first light. Therefore, claims 33 and 34 have been amended to recite explicitly that the second linearly varying light follows immediately after the first linearly varying light. They should now be allowed at least because Yahav does not disclose (or suggest) the inventive combination as discussed above.

Claims 21 and 23 are dependent on claims 33 and 34, respectively. Therefore, they should be allowed at least for the same reasons.

Since the due date fell on a Saturday, the amendment is timely filed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

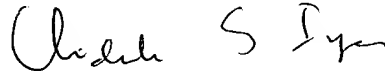
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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